

Dogwood Canoe and Kayak Newsletter

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Greetings to you all:

Another year is upon us, hopefully everyone survived the unusually snowy winter and now perhaps you are starting to think about paddling.

As you have heard the DC&KC AGM was postponed till February, because there were not enough eager members to come forward and take on an Executive position for 2009. I have been on many different executive positions over the years in the club and my wife and I, we talked it over and we both agreed to do something for the club again. As a result with some phoning around and talking to 2008 members I came up with more volunteers for positions. At January meeting some people did stand up and volunteered to do, Neil Tennant for trips, Jim Hartwick for training, James Wade to stay on for newsletter, Len Miller, entertainment.

These are the 2009 Executives: President, Vladimir Jan; Vice President, Majka Janousek; Secretary, Sharron Jan; Treasurer, Robert Brown; Newsletter, James Wade; Website, Sandy Wade; Trips, Neil Tennant; Training, Jim Hartwick; and Entertainment, Len Miller.

I would like to say thanks to the outgoing executive and thanks to the ones that have consented to carry on for one more year. It is harder and harder to find people to do some work for the benefit of the club, like volunteering for some position. I hope that you are already thinking about 2010 the Olympic Year, is that going to be your time to lead the club into the future? At a time like this the statement that President Kennedy of USA made a long time ago comes to my mind "Do not ask what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." The same should apply to the club.

Many thanks to you all who came forward, and saved the DC&KC from sinking. I think we can be a good team and bring the weekend paddlers back on the water once more. Neil has already started working on trips before he was even elected (that is great), so give him a hand and offer to lead a trip or two. The Wednesday group paddles year round, a very active group.

Happy paddling to you all from
Vladimir Jan, 2009 President

Postponed AGM meeting, February 25th, 2009 minutes.
Taken by Majka Janousek and Sharron Jan.

The meeting started at 7.45 PM by Shayne Langton and was called to order by Neil Tennant and seconded by Vladimir Jan. There were 38 people at the meeting, and no guests. Shayne explained that since there was only 7 people that have paid up the membership for 2009, the people on the 2008 list and any other long time members that were not on 2008 list and intend to pay up for 2009 can run for an Executive position and have the right to vote. Shayne asked for volunteers for all the positions and here are the results of the volunteers that were elected by acclamation for there were no double candidates for any of the positions. The list is: President, Vladimir Jan; Vice President, Majka Janousek, Treasurer, Robert Brown, Secretary, Sharron Jan, Newsletter, James Wade, Website, Sandy Wade, Trips, Neil Tennant, Training, Jim Hartwick, Entertainment, Len Miller.

Shayne turned the meeting over to the new Executive and Vladimir continued on by saying: "Thank you to the outgoing Executive, thanks to the ones that have stayed on and he welcomed the new Executive by saying that he thinks it is a good team and we will try and bring the weekend paddlers back on the waters." Vladimir stated that Neil had already started working on trips before he was even elected (a good thing) and asked him to do a short report. Neil had some sheets ready and he handed them to the members to look at and talked about the proposed year and asked for more trip ideas from the members. He also pointed out that he did some work on the web calendar, so keep checking it for updates on a regular basis.

Vladimir presented the proposed budget for 2009 that was sent out by E-mail to everyone on 2008 list, it was voted on and it passed. Motion to accept the 2009 budget by Frans Van Lakerveld and seconded by Fred Heel.

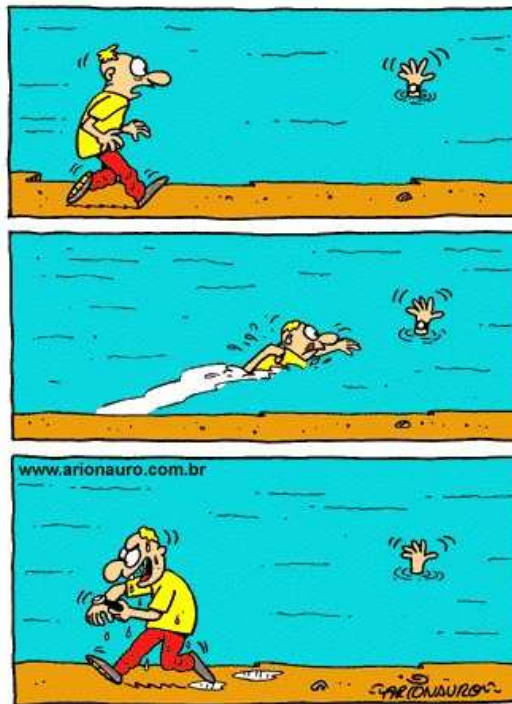
Vladimir did a short treasurers report (Robert being absent) 2008 Yearend balance was \$2290.15, January interest on account was .10 and there was one outstanding check for 2009 hall rental of \$380.61 that left \$1909.64 as current balance, with a few more bills to be paid. Vladimir stated that he will share some of the treasurer's duties for this year with Robert like doing the membership part, taking in applications and money and said that he had no receipt book with him so only people that have checks can pay at the meeting. 20 people did pay and sign up for 2009. He also reported that he checked DC&KC treasurer's books for 2008 and found no mistakes.

The president also announced that one flag was again missing, so please return it to Len Miller the entertainment person and equipment person to be stored with the rest of the equipment.

Len Miller announced the entertainment person for the night, her name is Laurel Archer and she has a second book coming out soon. Her presentation was great, she presented real slides, first one show set to music and then a good number of slides from many different northern rivers also showing some maps and locations with nice stories about paddling the rivers, even with her mom. At the end she ran one more show set to music with some awesome images of red canoes in among the huge icebergs in Alaskan waters.

Jackie Davidson pointed out that the Wednesday group for the year 2008 had 350 boats on the water and they even missed a few Wednesdays because of the weather.

At 8.37 Vladimir called to adjourn the meeting, motion made by Neil Tennant and seconded by Len Miller.



Thanks form Donna Nyberg